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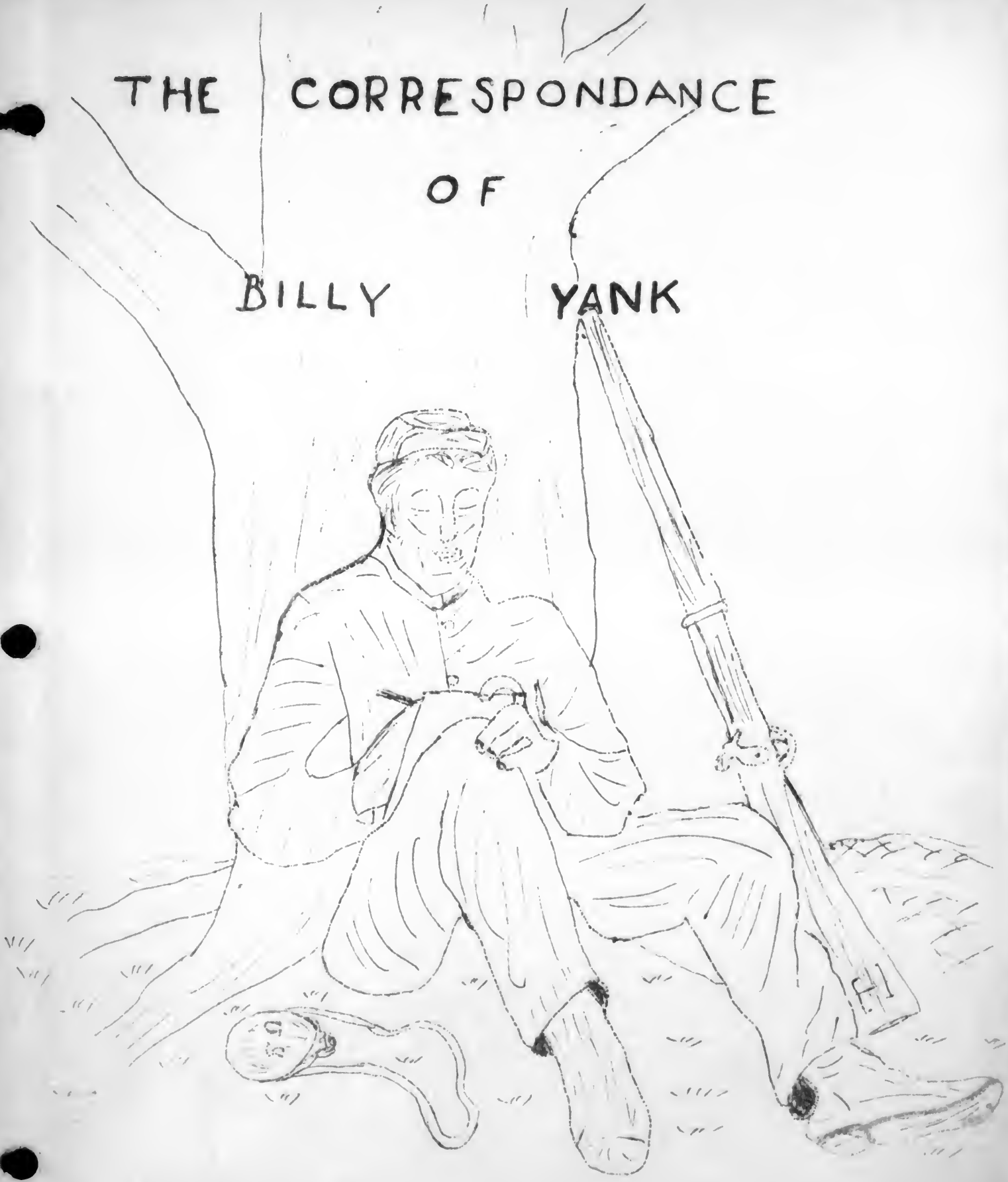

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This Certifies, That the official records of which I am the lawful custodian, on file in this office show that BRADY, Elias joined for duty and was enrolled as a Musician of Company (D), 86th Regiment Indiana Volunteers at Rainsville, INDIANA on the 10th day of August 1862, by Captain Stevens and that he was duly mustered into the Military Service of the United States at Indianapolis, Indiana on the 4th day of September 1862, for the term of three (3) years, by Captain Miller Mustering Officer

Age: 25

Died at Chattanooga, Tennessee, December 11, 1863.

This Certificate is given as official evidence of enlistment, service and death of Elias Brady of Company D 86th Regiment Indiana Volunteers.

Witness my hand and official seal.

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This Certifies, That the official records of which I am the lawful custodian, on file in this office show that GASS, Harris joined for duty and was enrolled as a 2nd Lieutenant of Company D, 86th Regiment Indiana Volunteers at Rainsville, INDIANA on the 10th day of August 1862, by Captain Stevens and that he was duly mustered into the Military Service of the United States at Indianapolis, Indiana on the 4th day of September 1862, for the term of 3 (three) years, by Captain Miller Mustering Officer

Age: 22

Nativity: Warren County, Indiana. Occupation: Farmer.

1st Lieutenant June 5, 1863.

Mustered out at Nashville, Tennessee, June 6, 1865.

This Certificate is given as official evidence of enlistment, service and muster-out of Harris Gass of Company D 86th Regiment Indiana Volunteers.

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Dear [illegible] I once more
[illegible] have in hand
to reply your [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible] long
that is in [illegible] of
this time as ~~[illegible]~~
a [illegible] in the battle
fought the 19th took
place day before yesterday
yesterday we gained the
battle all there was
loss was very very
we was not engaged

In the fight
we [illegible] we were in the
midst of the fight
we were relieved by Hodgson's
Hussars [illegible] Cut
to pieces in our rear
to march we expect
again [illegible] battle today
Damascus is only 5 miles
from where we lit we supposed
we took 15 hundred
we took 200 prisoners
the [illegible] is not known
yet [illegible] and left
them on the field
they are burying their
dead to day we cannot
discover to you the
scene of the battle
field there is more
than five hundred guns
left on the field

[illegible] in such a
[illegible] I cannot right
[illegible] [illegible] from
the last letter [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
the 24 of february
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] Bradly

[illegible] Bradly

take good care
of Henry

Old Books

October 12th / 62

Mrs Martha Brady Dear Sister

I commence writing to you rather late the Post master starts in a few minutes he only goes once a week it is so dark I cannot see the lines Eli just wrote a letter to you told you all the news I reckon the boys are all well but Willing Pye and Jervis Mutsel one more I forgot Allen Kelley they are all there left at Perrysville Jim is very bad or was when we left yesterday morning the folks did not do right by not writing to him I wrote to pap and William a few days ago have received no letter from home for 1½ days

No more at present

write write soon give all the news

H Gass

Your Brother

see by Elias letter
you are getting thick
with Sherry give my
respects to Gall

if you can read this
it is more than I can do

October 13th/62

Mrs Martha Brady

Dear Sister

I commence writing to you rather late the Post master starts in a few minutes he only goes once a week it is so dark i cannot see the lines Elias just wrote a letter to you told you all the news i reckon the boys are all well but William (?) and Lewis Stutsel one more i forgot Allen Kelley they are all three left at Perrysville Lew is very bad or was when we left yesterday morning the folks did not do right by not writing to him i wrote to pop and William a few days ago have received no letter from home for 12 days no more at present write soon write and give all the news

H Gass

your Brother

i see by Elias letter you are getting stuck with Sherrys give my respects to Call if you can read this it is more than i can do

The envelope is addressed "Martha Brady, Rainsville, Indiana" and is franked with a 3 Cent United States stamp, Issue of 1861 with is cancelled with an army grid marking and postmarked "Nashville Tenn".

HARRIS GASS * Age 22; Enlisted from Rainsville, Indiana as a Second Lieutenant in Company "D", Eighty-sixth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry on August 10, 1862 and was mustered in for three years service at Indianapolis, Indiana on September 4th. He was promoted to First Lieutenant on June 5, 1863 and was mustered out at Nashville, Tennessee on June 6, 1865. The Eighty-sixth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry was organized at Lafayette, Indiana and mustered in September 4, 1862. It was attached to the Fourteenth Brigade, Fifth Division, Second Corps, Army of the Ohio until November, 1862 when it was attached to the Second Brigade, Third Division, Left Wing, Fourteenth Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland. In January, 1863 the regiment was attached to the Second Brigade, Third Division, Twenty-first Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland, and later to the Third Brigade, Third Division, Fourth Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland. The regiment was mustered out June 6, 1865.

This, and the following three letters were written by Harris Gass, First Lieutenant, Company "D", Eighty-sixth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry to his sister, Mrs. Martha Brady and his father John Gass.

November 18th 1862

Dear father i received your letter dated 7th you said in your letter that you had my corn gathered and my wheat hulled off and that you wanted to know what i wanted you to do with it you said that you was willing to buy my corn and give me the customary price that was 15 15 cts to a bushel that is as far as i could ask i am willing to let you have the corn at the customary price as do not know how long it will be before i can come home you and martha can fix that matter with yourselves you can give her a note calling for the amount or you can pay her the money just as you and her agreed to fix it you can do the same with the wheat i am willing for you and martha to fix it twixt yourselves i must quit fighting for we are in a skirmish please at this time the rebels is throwing shells at us we send too at them forever one they throw at us we are expecting warm work before we get through we hear cannonading in every direction i must bring my letter to a close i will say in conclusion that i am well and hearty Harris is hearty perry is not very stout also James Anderson is not very stout the rest of the boys is in moderate health ashly i would like you to write occasionally and give me the particulars of the times as we do not get any news here only in that way no more at present Elias Brady John Sass

November 18th 1862

Dear father

i receved your leter daited 7th you said in your leter that you had my corn gethered and my wheat halled of(f) and that you whanted to know what i whanted you to do withit you said that you was wiling to by my corn and give me the customary price that was 15 Cts a bushel that is as far(fair) aprise(a price?) as i could ask i am wiling to let you halve the corn at the customary prise as i do not know how long it will be before i can return home you and martha can fix that mater with your selves you can give her a note caling for the amount or you can pay her the money just as you and her ar amind to fix it you can do the same with the wheat as i am wiling for you and martha to fix it b(e)tween your selves i must quit righting for we ar in a ticklish plase at this time the rebels is throwing shelles at us we send too at them for everyone they throw at us we ar expecting warm work be fore we get through we hear canon ading(?) in evry direction i must bring my leter to a close i will say in conclusion that iam well and harty Haris is harty pery(Perry) is not very stout also James Anderson is not very stout the rest of the boys is in mordert health only iwould like you to right to me ocasionly and give me the perticklers of the times as we do not get any noes here only in that way no more at present

Elias Brady
John Gass

There is no envelope.

Sunday November 23th 1862

Dear Wife I received your letter, Monday dated 11th I was glad to hear that you was all well I am well at present nothing when this comes to hand it will find you all in the paying the same blessing this is Sunday and the boys are all gone out to find Duly this is a nice day today and as the boys is not here to bother me I am going to write 3 letters one to you one to Mary — I was sorry to pass away sorry to hear of the death of Mr Perry tell Mrs Perry there is a great many in the hospital George you may get a letter from the general hospital that Thomas Freeman was dead he was buried yesterday George took it very hard to think that he could not get time to go and see him before he died Thomas wrote to him a few days before he died stating that he wanted him to come and see him George asked Capton the colonel to let him go but the colonel would not let him go I think the colonel done very wrong for not letting him go the colonel is not liked very well by the boys he is a very crabit old buger we are still in camp at the place where we was when I wrote to you last I do not know how long we will stay here this is a very nice place to camp and every thing is quiet since we give the rebel villains such a thrashing they have come to the conclusion that it is not worth while for them to attact us our hole army is encamped between here and nashville and in nash ville

they say that it is nothing but a detail march from camp
between here and nashville those that have went
from here to nashville they say that they can go clear
through and not be out of sight of the camp in the
hard road nashville is 11 miles from here the battle
that I told you of in my other letter wherein our
troops utterly routed the rebels 5 miles from where they now
are fighting is the last fighting I have heard of
we expected 15 hundred prisoners understand that
it was Breckenridge's forces that our men were fighting
all is quiet now and I think it will remain so for awhile
and I don't care how long they may remain so for we fare better
when we are in camp we have got plenty to eat and
have got good warm tents to sleep in there is a mill
mill or rather a corn grinder ~~close~~ not very far from
here and we have got it fixed in we have to buy
corn meal I made a pot of mush last night and set it
away we had this morning and then sliced it up
and fried it it is fine they are going to build
a chap this evening here our regiment and then
we will have corn cakes and coffee for
supper and lots of good cedar rails to cook them with
I have buttled my trunk and have nothing much
to do now I told the boys that I would let come out
where they are are prepared and cook their dinners
that is the boys that is in my mess we mess off
in messes from six to eight men and they take turns
in cooking but I generally do the cooking for my mess
I would rather do it than lay round doing nothing

tell Liza that Walter is in my mind
and that I am going to go out and get
him a good dinner after which you wrote
in one of your letters that Henry Brier rode to
Liza and rode like he was homesick. He is homesick
sick and if he does not cheer up and try and
get home out of his mind he will die he lays round
in the tent all the time and is down hearted hardly
speaks. I am in hopes he is not so bad homesick
but that is what is ailing it their is a good many
of the boys like him. I expect you think that
I am home sick by some of the letters I write to you
I do not pretend to deny of being homesick for I want
life to be at home with you and I may expected it
before I left but I thought it was my duty to come
to my country call you and Coney is in my mind
all the time but I always look ahead to better
times to come and I not allow myself to get down
like some thing I not one but what I have to get home
some of the 18th regiments just swear that they
are not going to stay out longer than the first
day of January the 18 in the 87 regiments in particular
say that they are going home pretty soon they say
that it is no use to try to whip them in by fighting
I think so myself if we half to settle this war by
fighting it will be a long time before it is settled
they have decided the advantage of us if they
would stand and fight us we could soon whip them
but they are too sharp for that that is not the way they
are fighting they calculate to fight us and then run and then fight

again they are aiming to worry us out they may stat by
starving them out but that is all in the eye
we can never do that I think I think ~~that they are~~
I am in hopes that they will come to reasonable
terms I give long it is the general opinion here that
the war will not last much longer I think it will
either end before long or be great deal worse
it is nearly noon and I must bring my letter to
a close and you not get time for the boys to take it here
bothered in getting our mail for a long time but our
mail comes very regular now and will I think as long as we
stay in hunt you to write often as you can for it
does me so much good to hear from you if you can
get postage stamps handy I would like you to send
me some more they are very hard to get their is none
to be had only some sutler has them and I am not
half the time you might send them in different
letters and I would like you to send me a little
money I do not need much money here but I do
not like to be out of money in a city their is some talk
of us going to Louisiana to lay awhile and if we
go their I may be their will be a chance to get your my
miniature me large I will help to have some money
respectable I will have to get me a pair of gloves or mittens
I have got none and I began to need them now
if you send me some money send it in different
letters only put a little in a letter for they are very
careless sometimes frequently I have to send my
pleasure we have not lost a letter now that was directed
to the 8th Illinois we generally receive them you need
not send much I must bring my letter to a close
write soon from your husband Elias Brady
Mat Brady

take good care of children until I get home
I am so glad her is getting hearty

Sunday November 23th 1862

Dear Wife

i received your leter yesterday dated 11th i was glad to hear that you was all well i am well at present hoping when this comes to hand it will find you all in joying the same blessing this is Sonday and the boys ar all gon out on piced(picket) duty it is a nice day to day and as the boys is not here to bother me i am going to right 3 leters one to you one to (maur?) and one to pap i was sory to hear of the death of Mrs Shery and Mrs Hubord their is a great many deaths here George freeman got a leter from the generl hospital that Thomas Freeman was dead he was buried yesterday George took it very hard to think that he could not get leaf to go and see him before he died thomas rote to him a few days before he died staiting that he whanted him to come and see him george asked (for) leaf of the Colonel to let him go but the Colonel would not let him go i think the Colonel don very rong for not leting him go the Colonel is not liked very well by the boys he is a very crabit old bugar we ar still in camp at the plase whare we was when i rote to you last i do not know how long we will stay here this is a very nice plaice to camp and evry thing is quiet since we give the rebel gurillains(guerrills) sutch athrashing they halve come to the conclusion that it is not worth while for them to atact(attack) us our hull(whole) army is in camped between here and nashville and in nashville they say that it is nothing but a solid mass of camps between here and nashville those that halve went from here to nashville they say that they can go clear through and not be out of sight of the camps in the hull(whole) rout nashville is 11 miles from here the battle that i told you of in my other leter whare our troops whiped the rebels back 5 miles from whare they comense fighting is the last fighting i halve heard of we captured 15 hundred prisners i under stand that it was Brecondriges(Breckinridge's force) that our men was fighting all is quiet now and i think it will remain so for awhile and i do not care how long they remain so for we fair beter when we ar in camp we halve got plenty to eat and halve got good warm tents to sleep in their is a old mill or rather a corn grinder not very far from here and we halve got it pressed in (use?) we halve lots of corn meal i maid a pot of mush last night and set it away un till this mourning and then sliced it up and fried it it et fine they ar going to kill a beef this evning for our redgiment and then we will halve beef and corn cakes and coffee for super and lots of good cedar rails to cook them with i halve busted my drum and halve nothing mutch to do now i told the boys that i would come out whare they are on picket and cook their dinners that is the boys that

is in my mess we mess off in messes from six to 8 in a mess and then take turns in cooking but i generly do the cooking for my mess i would rather do it than lay round doing nothing

tell Liza that Walt is in my mess and that i am going to go out and get him a good dinner after while you rote in one of your leters that Henry Brier rote to Liza and rote like he was home sick Hen(ry) is home sick and if he does not cher up and try and get home of(f) his mind he will die he lays round in the tent all the time and is down harted (he) hardly speeks unless he is spoken to he looks bad he is sick but that is what is cosing it their is a good many of the boys like him i expect you think that i am home sick by some of the leters i rote to you i do not pretend to deny of being home sick for i would like to be at home with you and loney i expected it before i left but i thought it was my duty to come to my countrys call you and loney is on my mind all the time but i allways look a head for beter times to come and do not alow my self to get down like some their is not one but what whants to get home some of the old redgiments just swar that they ar not agoing to stay out longer than the first day of jenuary the Kintuckey redgiments in per tickler say that they ar agoing home prety soon they say that it is no use to try to whip them in by fighting i think so myself if we half to setel this war by fighting it will be along time before it is seteled they halve decidedly the advantage of us if they would stand and fight us we could soon whip them but they ar to sharp for that that is not the way they aim to fight us they calculate to fight us and then run and then fight again they ar aming(aiming) to wory us out they may talk of starving them out but that is all in the eye we can never do that i think ~~i-think-that-the-people~~ i am in hopes that they will come to reasonable turms befor long it is the generl opinion here that the war will not last mutch longer i think it will ether end be fore long ore b(e) a great deal worse it is nearly noon and i must bring my leter to a close and go and get diner for the boys we halve been bothered in geting our mail for a long time but our mail comes very regular now and will i think as long as we stay i whant you to right often as you can for it does me so mutch good to hear from you if you can get postage stamps handy i would like you to send me some more they ar very hard to get their is none to be had only as our sutler has them and he is out half the time you might send a few in diferent leters and i would like you to send me a little money i do not nead mutch here but i do not like to be out of money intialy(entirely) their is some talk of us a going to bolen green(Bowling Green) to stay awhile and if we go their mabe(maybe) their will be a chance to get you my minature and if so i will half to halve som money i expect i will half to get me a pair of gloves

or mitens i halve got none and i began to nead them now if you send me som money send it in difernt leters only put a litle in a leter for they ar very carlas(careless) some times frequently our leters get miss plased we halve got lots of leters now that was directed to the 86 Illanois we generly remail them you nead not send mutch i must bring my leter to a close right soon

from your husband
Elias Brady
Mat Brady

take good care of loney untill i get home
i am so glad he is geting harty

The envelope is addressed "John Gass, Rainsville, Indiana - Mrs M. Brady". The envelope is a U. S. Stamped Envelope, Issue of 1861 and is postmarked "Nashville Tenn - Nov 29 1862".

Monday November 24th 1862

Dear Wife your letter of the 16th came to hand today and glad to hear that you were all well and I am at present writing you a letter yesterday and gave you all the particulars this day I know what to write the time we are still in camp we are living pretty well at this time we have got a big mess pan full of beans working for dinner the weather since the night or two it has been very cold this morning there was a frost this morning our company went on picket last night they had to stay out in the open air it was pretty cold but we managed the matter we got in back of a big fire all night at the reserve probably you do not know what stations we mean when we go picket. The hull company goes out at a time and then they take 10 or 12 men as many men as is required and station them about a hundred yards from the rest of the men those that are stationed out has to lie down without water out in the time they are not a good to lie down you sit on their knapsacks or knapsacks they stand about 2 hours and then they are relieved by other men and then they get to knapsacks and rest for awhile the rest of the company stacks their guns in nice order having their loaded and well capped so if there is a alarm made they can be ready at a minute warning to start the reserve they are allowed to build fire

in the day time the boys are allowed the
passage of the fleet but it is not very safe to go far
from the fleet they some restrict and go a good
way our boys got lost in a bog yesterday it
was a fine fat one when we went out to the
to get them their dinner they were after
a ship and had it nearly run down they
seen a pirate after coming so they had
to let it go we are a leaving to play off shortly
on the officers and company given to not care
how much we capture but we hold to be short
lived for the pirates officers when we get sick
asleep in bog we dare not to be with them
we are not allowed to steal so we hold to run them
down we burn every rail we can from the other
day we were ordered to move we struck our tents
and packed up everything we had been burning
rail we had burnt every rail that was close
and we had started at the rail that
was in our camp and had set fire to the
when the order was countermanded then
we was back we had burnt all down rails
but we did not wait long when we struck out
across the field on double quick and down
the mans out side fence and packed it down
the men of the fence stood and looked at us but
he dare not say anything it is a nice feeling
for me that we are campaigning but it is nearly
ruined now i do not think for their is words offensive it

it looks no good to us to destroy the government property when some of the boys get hold of any property upon which belongs to the rebels they destroy it as fast as they can and the boys say that he was the cause of bringing us here that is now if they will not come back and restore peace again as long as we hold to be away from our friends at home we calculate to live as fast as we can and aim to live after all we can. Mind to the more we destroy the sooner we can whip them it looks hard to take the rebels and the apples from the families at that that have been left alone by their going to the southern armys there is old folks that are as soon as they come of to school they go right to work and go to fetching and hauling fodder apples and peaches in order that it cannot help the hard to take from the rebels families when is see a nice looking house and all empty around it it will be no chicken spice stolen at your rate that you uncle Samson going off to pay it in to that old trip will be for nothing although he could not get his pay in getting better but is not very hard to get you said that George Stutes wanted me to tell you that he had made him several letters since he had gone from him. I do not see anything the pay will be better or heard from him he is back in the head some where

Thomas Smith is very poorly at this time
She has been unwell for several days that
I heard of the boys till you said that Mrs Harris
came over to tear down our fence & was talking about
that the hands never get a letter from ship
frequently write to you with such stalking and
lying about generally the boys when I hear any
thing about the matter I always do my
mention it & you must take it for granted
that they are well when I do not mention their names
in my letter Bernard is enjoying good health
at this time I think he will be able to leave
here shortly & take to quilting for I cannot
think of anything else to write at this time - I hope I shall see
some thing that would be right pleasing to you & all
around that might settle your ratification & settling
new to right there is still left this sheet pretty near full
but its perfectly will not be very interesting ~~to you~~
for you to read so will close by saying to you
that I am waiting to see the envelope that you sent me
back to you and it came in very good for any
amount of time we are well & hope to hear
till our settlers come to an easy manner at present
yours right to the end - your husband Elias Brady

Nathaniel Coney

Monday November 24th 1862

Dear Wife

yours of the 16th came to hand today i was trualy glad to hear that you was all well i am well at present i rote you a leter yesterday and gave you all the perticulars i hardly know what to right this time we ar still in camp we ar living prety well at this time we halve got a big mess pan full of beef on a cooking for dinner the wether is nice the nights ar prety cold their was avery hevy frost this mourning our company was out on picket last night they had to sleep out in the open air it was prety cool for us we maid the rails get(??) we kept up a big fire all night at the reserve probly you do not know how we station our men when we ar on picket the hull(whole) company goes out at a time and then they take 10 or 12 men or as many men as is requred and station them about a hundred yards from the rest of the men those that ar stationd out hast to keep a study(steady) watch out all the time they ar not alowed to put their gun out of their hands or lay down they stand about 2 hours and then they ar relieved by ather(other) men and then they get to lay down and rest for awhile the rest of the company stacks their guns in nice order having them loaded and well caped so if their is a alarm made they can be ready at a minuts warning back at the reserve they ar alowed to halve fire in the day time the boys ar alowed to forage a little but it is not very saf(e) to go far from the picket lines some resk it and go agood ways our boys gobeld in ahog yesterday it was a fine fat one when i went out to them to get them their dinner they ware after asheep and had it nearly run down they seen afield oficer a coming so they had to let it go we ar a learning to play off sharp on the officers our company oficers do not care how mutch we confiscate but we half to keep a sharp lookout for the field oficers when we get after asheep or ahog we halve one to watch for us we ar not alowed to shoot so we half to run them down we burn evry rail we can burn the other day we was ordered to move we struck our tents and packed up evrything we had been burning rails we had burnt evry rail that was close and we had stacked al the rails that was in our camp and had set fire to them when the order was counter manded then we was beete we had burnt all of our rails but we did not wait long when we struck out across the field on doubel quick and tor down the mans out side pens and packed it over the oner(owner) of the pens stood and looked at us but he dassent say any thing it is a nice looking farm that we ar camping on but it is nearly ruind now i do not think their is 40 rds offens(??) on it it does us good to distroy the greesey belleys property when some of the boys gets holt(hold) of any property of any kind beloning to the rebels they dis troy it as fast as they can and then say dam him he

was the coss(cause) of bringing us here that is sow if they will not come back and restore peace again as long as we half to be away from our friends at home we cal culate to live as fat as we can and aim to live of(f) of them all we can i think the more we distroy the sooner we can whip them it looks hard to take the chickens and the apels from the famlies that halve been left alone by them agoing to the Sothern army their is lots of the boys that as soon as they come up to a house they go right in and go to pil fern and hunting for dried apels and peeches i never do that i canot halve the hart to take from the heplis famlies when i see a nice looking house and see plenty around it i will halve a chicken if i can ketch it you rote that uncle Jo was coming after pery i think that his trip will be for nothing i think he could not get him pery is geting beter but is not very stout yet you said that george Stutsal whanted me to tell Lew that he had rote him severl letors since he had got one from him i halve not seen Liew since the peryville battle or heard from him he is back on the road some whare

Thomas Smith is very purly at this time he has been unwell for severl days their is severl of the boys sick you said that Mrs Harris came over to hear how ben(Ben) was geting along that she hardly ever got a leter from him i frequently rite to you with out stating any thing about the rest of the boys when their is any thing the mater of any of them I always mention it you can always take it for granted that they ar well when i do not mention their names in my leter Ben is in midling good health at this time i think he rote a letor yesterday i guess i will half to quit righting for i cannot think of any thing to right i thought when i comens that i could not right a very long leter on the acount that i right so often that i halve nothing new to right i halve filled this sheet prety near foal(full??) but i expect it will not be very interesting for you to read so i will close by saing to you that i am agoing to send the invelope that you sent me back to you and it come in very good play for i am out of invelops and will half to stay out un till our Sutler can get an a suply no more at present pleas right often

from your husband

Elias Brady

Mat and loney

There is no envelope.

Thursday December 11th 1862

Dear Martha yours of the 4th came to hand last evening it gave me much pleasure to hear from you and to hear that you was all well I am well at this time hoping when this comes to hand it will find you all injoying good health the money you sent me in the letter was very acceptable for I was clear out this was a good move in the army yesterday our brigade moved 2 miles back towards nashville and went into camp again we are very well pleased with the change we have got a nice place to camp at it is in the woods their is no under brush to bother us all nice big trees near amaking the apples get this morning the trees are falling in every direction we have some big fires I do not know what the move was for I fooled a good many of us we were expecting a move but we was expecting to move towards the enemy not from them ~~I dont~~ the hull army moved back a few miles we dont know what the move is for nor we are not likely to know a private a common soldier knows nothing they are little ~~saw~~ so many hogs where ever they are sent to take us their we half to go yesterday evening after we had all laid down well it was about 10 o'clock the orders came for us to get up and draw 3 days rations and cook them and put them in our haver sacks and be redy to march at a minutes notice you would have laughed if you had been here to see us boys a crawling out of our tents

Some a giving old abe lights some a giving the niggers lights I am one thing and some another idid not say much but I kept a awful thinking all the while we went on and prepared our grub according to orders and there went to bed again by that time it was quite night at five oclock in the morning the the musicians call was sounded so I had to get up and help feed the rebels for the rest of the boys to get up and prepair their breakfast and fit for marching they all got up and got their breakfast and prepared every thing for marching presently the order came for us to go out on picket duty they all went out on picket ~~duty all out out~~ and their was nothing said about marching untill yesterday morning about 3 oclock we was all waked up and ordered to to prepair our 3 days rations for moving at a moment warning we dare so and layed round untill nine oclock when the orders came for us to strike our tents we expected a big days march when orders came for us to move back 2 miles in the rear then their was some hollowing you had better think that is the way the soldiers goes I had nothing of much importance to right so I thought I would let give you a idea how a soldier was learned when the general does fit to give orders it makes no difference how much it discomodates us we half to obey I guess I have rate enough on that subject

their was a letter came last night for
Lew Stutsel Lew is not here I have
not seen him since the Perryville
battle I understand that he is in Balengrum
Kentucky tell gary about it I understand
that he is at the convalescent barracks I was
sick when we left Perryville and was left
there and has not came up yet your letter
dated the 24th states that you had
rate a letter the Sunday before for me
and had sent some postage stamps I mist
that letter has not came to hand yet postage
stamps is as cars here as hen teeth they
cannot be got scarsly yet all ivan sent a letter
with out stamps but I dont like to ~~[illegible]~~
a ignes will help to bring my scribling to a
close for it is ageting prety well on to wards noon
Well then I am agoing over to the first
Kentucky Redgimen to Sedar and Ely
they are camped about 2 miles from here
in hand you to right a few for the letters
are generly along time a coming Pery got
a letter last evening he was tickled very
much over it ~~it has been a long time~~
in hand you to right and let me know how
Boner and bird is ageting along
I guess I must quit riting I still feel in
hopes that the war is nearly over for I am
anxious to get home you must take good care

of your S. (pardoney) until I get home
tell Mrs Barnhart that Bernis well
he got a letter last night from her

Write right soon
and often
from your husband E. Brady
Mat and Jimy

thursday December 11th 1862

Dear Martha

yours of the 4th came to hand last evning it gave me mutch pleasure to hear from you and to hear that you was all well i am well at this time hoping when this comes to hand it will find you all injoying good health the money you sent me in the letter was very exceptable for i was clear out their was a generl move in the army yesterday our brigade moved 2 milds(miles) back towards nashville and went in camp again we ar very well pleased with the change we halve got a nice plase to camp at it is in the woods their is no under brush to bother us all nice big trees wear(we are) amaking the axxes get this mourning the trees ar falling in evry direction we halve some big fires i do not know what the move was for it fooled a good many of us we was expecting a move but we was expecting to move to wards the enimy not from them the hull(whole) army moved back a few milds (miles) we do not know what the move is for nor wear not likley to know a comen soldier knows nothing they ar like so many hogs whore(where) ever they ar a mint to take us their we half to go a tuesday evning after we had all laid down well it was about 10 oclock the orders came for us to get up and draw 3 days rations and cook them and poot them in our haver sacks and be redy to march at a minutes notice you would a halve laughed if you had a bin here to see us boys a crawling out of our tents some a giving old abe sights some a giving the niggers sights some one thing some another i did not say mutch but i kept a awful thinking all th(e) while we went on and prepared our grub acording to orders and then went to bed again by that time it was mid night at five oclock in the mourning the musicianers call was sounded so i had to get up and help beet the revalee for the rest of the boys to get up and prepair their breakfast and fix for marching they all got up and got their breakfast and prepared evrything for marching presently the orders came for us to go out on picket duty they all went out on picket and their was no more said about marching untill yesterday mourning about 3 oclock we was all waked up and ordered to prepair our 3 days rations for moving at a moments warning we done so and layed round untill nine oclock when the orders came for us to strike our tents we expected a big days march when orders came for us to move back 2 milds(miles) in the rear then their was some holowing you had better think that is the way soldiern goes i had nothing of mutch importance to right so i thought i would give you an idea how a soldier was searved when the generl sees fit to give orders it makes no difernce how mutch it discomades(?) us we half to obey i guess i halve rote enough on that subject

their was a letter came last night for lew stutsel Lieu is not here i halve not seen him since the peryville battle i understand that heis(he is) in Bolengreen(Bowling Green) Kintuckey tell gorge about it i under stand that he is at the convalessents barracks he was sick when we left peryville and was left their and has not came up yet your letter dated the 24th stated that you had rote a letter the Sunday be for to me and had sent some postage stamps in it that letter has not come to hand yet postage stamps is as carse(scarce) here as hen teeth they can not be got scarsly at all i can send a letter with out stamps but i dont like to i guess i will half to bring my Scribling to a close for it is a geting prety well on to wards noon Walt and i am a going over to the first Kintucky redgiment to see don and Elye they ar camped about 2 miles from here i whant you to right often for the leters ar generly along time a coming pery got a letter last evning he was tickled very mutch over it i whant you to right and let me know how bouen and bird is ageting along

i guess i must quit righting i still feel in hopes that the war is nearly over for i am ancious to get home you must take good care of your self and loney untill i get home tell Mrs Ben haris that Ben is well he got a letter last night from her

pleas right soon and often

from your husband

E Brady

Mat and Loney

There is no envelope.

Friday December 12 1862

Dear Wife once more take my pen in hand to inform you I am still in Georgetown that I am [illegible] being that we are getting ready for [illegible] leaving i know not but when he comes back to see George Freeman got a letter from home George stating that Jim Hulse was the last he the letter got was rode by Virginia bigger rebel but what Jim is in is supposed conditions tell George Hulse that he is to be sent home he feel fine but we have not got the pretty [illegible] the Secesh idea not know whether George [illegible] or not he should take his pen for a hospital is awful place it is crowd by all the soldiers they seem to crowd the hospital more than the battle field their marching orders are countermanded our forage train was attacked by the rebels our regiment was out in battle array drill when the alarm was given the signal flags was waving the officers riding their horses to and fro all over the camps our brigade was marched off in double quick to rip fire then our regiment was out in drill they has nothing on but their dress coats leaving their overcoats blankets and everything in the camp they was not allowed to stop at the camp

long enough to get their things but was
ordered off on account of quick we went some
five miles when the news came that the
rightful owner was succeeded in driving
them back it was a burglar in his
own house we got back to camp the
next day prisoners that we had taken the
particulars of the battle stripped their
arms a good many killed for them was unwilling
being force engaged and they fired a long time
last night about one eight we company and
the other insane regiment marched out
to meet our forces prisoners through this
they that we taken at battle with Morgan
their was about Sixteen hundred of them
did not go with the boys particular South
prisoners but what the boys guarded South
a suffer considerable the rebels brigade
they are all their cause nearly they had
taken all their overcoat all their blankets
a good many of them had their shoes taken
that days that they was nearly frose to
death some had even their under coats taken
from them they say that they nearly starved
them to death for days they had nothing
to eat but some beef and no salt to season
it they say that some of the rebel officers
prayed on their knees seven miles for a point for salt
it was morgans band that took these prisoners

he has been a battler since we
came out in the service if we get shot
of him i dont know what will become of him
we will not stop his month money and he and
commanding the brigade he told us the other
day that if we would feed him he would
give us all a thirty-day furlow i tell you
the boys was anxious he got a hold of him
when we was ordered out to run spare the
forage train the boys all commenced to
hollowing and saying now here comes morgan
will he get to bring my letter he close for the
mail will go out pretty soon. Hurry you and
bring now i long to see you and kiss but if
this war keeps be ~~[illegible]~~ big fighting it will
be a long time before i can come home i always
said that this war can't not be fought down
by fighting i say to get they are sick of war
they will fight if they have to i have heard it
it is the opinion here not only in our camp
but in the hull army that this war will
never ~~[illegible]~~ be ended by fighting it will
have to be ended by a compromise i am afraid
that there will not be anything of that
kind done in the present congress the yankees
are not this war as strong as they condemed for the
nigger as strong as they do. remember present
dont for get to write often from your husband
Elias Brady ~~[illegible]~~
Mat Brady

Almost forgot to tell George about Fran
poor little man he was suffering

Friday December 12th 1862

Dear Wife

i once more take my pen in hand to pen a few lines to yo(u) to in form you that i am well hoping that you ar all injoying the same blessing it has been but a short time since i rote to you George freeman got a letter from bolen green(Bowling Green) stating that Lieu Stutsel was their sick the letter he got was rote by William Siggler no dout but what lieu is in a suffern condition . tell George Stutsel that he is in bolen green baracks No 1 i feel in terested in his welfare but we halve not got the priblage(privilege) to see to him i do not know whether george knows whare he is or not (but) he should seek him for a hospital is a awfel plase it is dreded by all the soldiers they seem to dred the hospital more than the battle field their was a big alarm in camp yesterday our forage train was atacted by the Rebels our regiment was out on betaglion(battalion) drille when the alarm was given the signal flags was waving the oficers runing their horses to and fro all over the camp our brigade was marched of(f) on double quick to rein force them our redgiment was out on drill they had nothing on but their dress coats leaving their over coats blankets and evry thing in the camp they was not alowed to stop at the camp long enough to get their things but was ordered offon(off on) double quick we went some five mildes(miles) when the nous(news) come that the fight was over our men suceeded in driving them back it was after dark when we got back to camp we was nearly frose i halve not learnt the perticulars of the battle i expect their was a good many killed for their was amitling(?) hevy force in gagued and they fit a long time last night about midnight our company and to(two) others in our redgiment was ordered out to escort our peroled prisners threw the lines those that was taken at hartsvill near galoten(Gallatin) their was about Sixteen hundred of them i did not go with the boys nor dident see the prisners but what the boys say they was in a suffern condition the rebels had striped them of all their close nearly they had taken all their over coat all their blankets a good many of them had their shoes taken Walt says that they was nearly frose to death some had even their under coats taken from them they say that they nearly starved them to death lots of days they had nothing to eat but some beef and no salt to poot(put) on it they say that some of the rebel oficers payed as high as seven dollars a point(pint?) for salt it was morgans band that took these prisners he has been bothern us evry since we come out in the service if we get aholt of him i do not know what will bcome of him we will not show him mutch murcy our Colonel comanding the briggade told us the other day that if we would ketche him he would give us all a thirty day furlow i tell you the boys ar ancious(anxious) to get aholt of him when we

was ordered out to rein force the forage train the
boys all comensed to hallowing and saying now for old
morgan i will half to bring my letter to a close
for the mail will go out prety soon Mat you donot
know how i long to see you and loney but if this war
has to be ended by fighting it will be along time be-
for i can come home i always said this rebelion
could not be put down by fighting i say so yet they ar
so deturmine they will fight if they half starve to
death it is the opinion here not only in our camp but
in the hull(whole) army that this war will never be
ended by fighting it will half to be ended by a com-
promise i am afraid that their will not be any thing
of that kind done in the present congrass they can
never end this war as long as they contend for the
nigger as strong as they do no more at present
do not forget to rite often

from your husband
Elias Brady
Mat Brady

donot forget to tell George about Lieu
for i know he is suffern

There is no envelope.

Sunday Dec 14th 1862

Dear Wife your letter dated the 7th came to hand last evening it gave me much pleasure to hear from you and to hear that you was well I am well with the exception of a bad cold that is a very common thing here at this time this is the first cold I have had since I came in the service you stated in your letter that you had received our minature I was glad to hear that they went there safe we are still ~~at~~ camped near Nashville I think we will stay here for some time by the movement in camp there is a general cleaning up every thing we have our yards before our tents they look clean and every thing looks nice the forrest forage train come down out went out this morning all of our regiment went out except our company they are acting as brigade guards old Capt ~~[illegible]~~ volunteered and went with them he got one his old blue coat and shoulder again and went as a high private to said that he was going to have a bag before he come in with I had a bin ~~[illegible]~~ able to went with him I was thinking that we would a had a couple of bags I am thinking that the boys will have to fight for what they get to day for they are [illegible] where there is plenty of greasy bellies [illegible] picture yesterday evening he showed it to me it is a very nice picture I think it is me that if you can get a good picture of Lonzo take and send it to me he looks so much like him as I see in the one I have got I hear so much talk about Lonzo lately

that I can hardly content myself in part to see him
so bad. I still hang to your picture it is soiled but little
I would not content myself if it was not for that picture
you stated in your letter that uncle Joshua was
coming. It seems he has not come yet we looked for him
last night and we look for him to day maybe
he has heard that Jim is well and is not coming
if he has not started tell him that Jim is well
again but tell him to come anyway for it will
pay him big and we would like to see him and
as many more of our old friends as can come
we get plenty of news now we get the nashville daily
courier journal Cincinnati inquirer and several other
papers the time passes off much faster since
we get plenty of late news to read write to you
soon for I can not think of any thing new
to write this is the 3d letter I have wrote this
last week. Thomas Smith is in the hospital
at nashville the name of the hospital is hospital
No 2 if any of his friends should come to see him
tell them to inquire for that place and they
will find him. Henry Brian and Allen Kelley
is at the same hospital I have not heard from
them lately I am not able to say how they are getting
along. Jim Lisser is in [redacted] Balengreen
as I learn in my father's letter. Ben Harris is well
the rest of the boys are roaming around most thing my letter
has close write after we get a daily mail now
may write oftener and we can get your letters
with much better ease this summer
I present from your
Husband & Brady
Mat Brady
Lance

Sunday Dec 14th 1862

Dear Wife

your letter dated the 7th came to hand last evning it gave me mutch pleasure to hear from you and to hear that you was well i am well with the exception of a bad cold that is a very comen thing here al tho this is the first cold i halve had since i came in the service you stated in your letter that you had received our minature i was glad to hear that they went threw safe we ar still camped near Nashville i think we will stay here for some time by the movement in camp their is a generl cleaning up of evry thing we halve our yards befor our tents swep clean and evry thing looks nice the hevist forage train i ever seen go out went out this mourning all of our redgiment went out excepting our company they ar acting as brigade guard old cap volunteered and went with them he poot(put) on his old bloss(?) coat and sholdiered a gun and went as a high privet he said that he was a going to halve a hog before he come in i wish i had a bin able to went with him i am a thinking that we would a had a coupple of hogs i am a thinking that the boys will halve to fight for what they get to day for they ar a going whare their is plenty of greesey belleys Haris(?) got your pictur yesterday evning he showed it to me it is a very nice pictur i think Mat if you can get a good pictur of loneys taken send it to me he looks so mutch like he is asleep in the one i halve got i hear so mutch talk about Loney latly that i can hardly content my self i whant to see him so bad i still hang to your pictur it is soiled but little i could not content my self if it was not for that pictur you stated in your letter that uncle Joshua was coming to see us he has not come yet we looked for him last night and we look for him to day may be he has heared that Jim is well and is not coming if he has not started tell him that Jim is well again but tel him to come any way for it will pay him big and we would like to see him and as many more of our old friends as ar a mind to come we get plenty of news now we get the nashville daily lewisville journal Cincinnati inquire and severl other papers the time passes off mutch faster since we get plenty of late news to read i rite to you so often that i can not think of any thing new to rite this is the 3th letter i halve rote to you this last week Thomas Smith is in the hospital at nashville the name of the haspital is haspital No 2 if any of his friends should come to see him tel them to inquire for that plase and they will find him Henry Brier and Alen Pulley is at the same haspital i halve not heard from them latly i am not able to say how they ar a geting along Lieu Stutsel is in Bolen green(Bowling Green) as i stated in my other letter Ben Harris is well the rest of the boys ar nocking around i must bring my

letter to a close rite often we get a daily mail now
rite often and we can get your letters without mutch
bother i think no more at present

from your Husband
E Brady
Mat Brady
Loney

There is no envelope.

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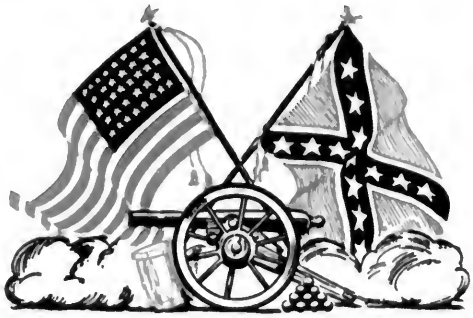
Civil War



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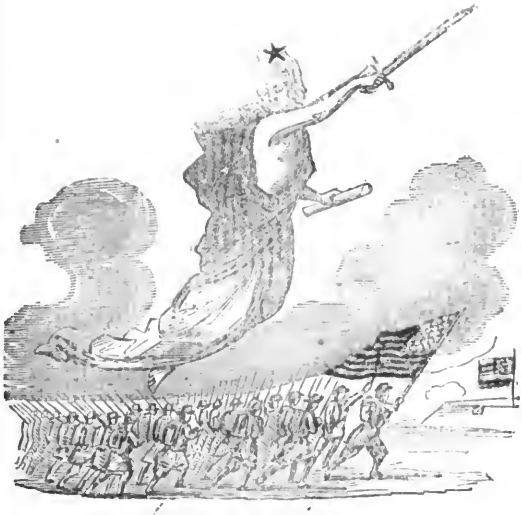
[illegible] one of the [illegible] letter I will [illegible] letter so that if Harris comes [illegible] I will keep the money although do not particularly need so much as long as I keep my health [illegible] have nothing [illegible] I rode a letter to you yesterday [illegible] a piece of news paper that was sent to Harris [illegible] letter. Give Loney, this breastpin and bonnet [illegible] the package [illegible] I will send you a present some of these days. no more at present. Write often it does [illegible] much good to hear [illegible]

from your affectionate husband
Elias Brady
Martha and Loney

ELIAS BRADY Age 20; Enlisted from Rainsville, Indiana August 10, 1862 as a musician in Company D, 38th Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry and was mustered in to serve 3 years September 4th at Indianapolis. He died of small pox December 11, 1863 at Chattanooga, Tennessee, where he is buried.



Carbine

January 13th 1863

Dear Charlie I take this opportunity to write you a few lines in answer to yours of the 5th which came to hand while I was in a rebel hell there is nothing of much importance going on at the present time the boys about are starving there the rebs are now that we are going to draw some more rations they make to day we need them indeed a pair of pants

understand the guy must be in around
a mile behind the five wagons he was
on approaching the road. [illegible]
day [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
St. [illegible] [illegible] came in the other day
they brought with them some
material and a [illegible] bridge.
They had a mule team going here
with the [illegible] they [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
road [illegible] [illegible] came out with [illegible]
[illegible] long [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
miles long. The roads were [illegible] [illegible]
They were ahead [illegible] with their bridge
and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] morning [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
bridges [illegible] [illegible] so that we did not
get more than five miles that day.

we had on the constitution [illegible]
at night [illegible] we were [illegible]
[illegible] we [illegible] our [illegible]
[illegible] on the road home
as we were [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]
we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible] we [illegible] morning
the [illegible] morning [illegible] we [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
and [illegible] the time [illegible] we had
[illegible] [illegible] morning [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] we did not get
more than [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] we
stopped on the road [illegible] we [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
a pound [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
a barrel of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a barrel
of sugar we had a nice supper we had
nice ham fresh pickles fried onions we made
some nice molasses out of sugar

[illegible] I [illegible] and had
[illegible] to cut our [illegible] up the quarter
master came along while we were getting our
supper for days past, your poor pine to night
we [illegible] moment [illegible] of your poor
[illegible] nothing [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Civil War

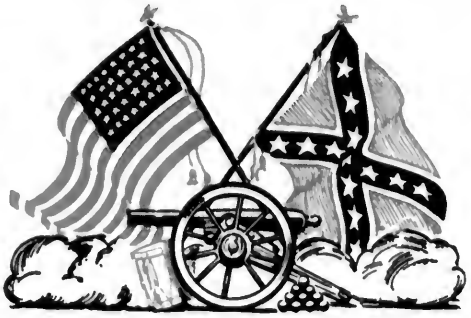
Murfreesboro
February 18th 1863

Dear Lulie

[illegible] and we were getting [illegible]
[illegible] back and he was getting
better [illegible]
under [illegible] Henri [illegible]
[illegible] time [illegible] Henri [illegible]
the other [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] night
[illegible] it seemed [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] could not [illegible]
[illegible] though it [illegible]

and though we had waited
after the night found [illegible]
[illegible] in a [illegible]
[illegible] in a [illegible] we had [illegible]
[illegible] the other [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
the rest of the night we had
quite a [illegible] the other night
after we had [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] the river
we had [illegible] [illegible] was
[illegible] [illegible] together
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Civil War



Murfreesboro
Feb [illegible] 16th 1863

[illegible]

It is with pleasure that it be the present opportunity [illegible] for lines to inform you that I am well [illegible] when these few lines come to hand it will find you all the same. I have nothing of much importance to write [illegible] in a few minutes go to the war [illegible] William Sigler got a letter from old Cap [illegible] that he was in Indianapolis and his wound was [illegible] better for [illegible] that [illegible] will [illegible] drounded [illegible] lug round our tent [illegible] so hard that the [illegible] you [illegible] the other night [illegible] the other night after we had went to bed [illegible] as to fall in line of battle the rebels was [illegible] river you had better think there was quite a stir in Co D I gathered my drum ran out in my sock feet [illegible] the long roll the other boys gathered [illegible] their shoes [illegible] they [illegible] in line of battle 2 or 3 hours when orders [illegible] the alarm was passed [illegible] the river intending to gobble our [illegible] in place of standing [illegible] they should run and reported the [illegible] alone in the world [illegible] matter is here but has [illegible] to day [illegible] will half to quit [illegible] for the [illegible] write often

[illegible] your affectionate husband

[illegible]

[illegible]

ELIAS BADE - Age 25; enlisted from Edinville, Indiana as a musician in Company D, 27th Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry and was mustered in for 3 years service

Seabee Team 1411 at Anniston, Ala. on 11 and December 11, 1970 from small arms at Chattanooga, Tennessee and in Anniston Alabama in the Nation's Center.

general field hospital No 6
ward G June 3rd 1863

Dear companion yours
of the 27th came to hand to day
I was glad to hear that you was
all well my health is not very
good at present I am now at the
general field hospital I was brought
here last evening our regiment was
under marching orders and was ordered
to send all the sick and convalescents
away John Independence is here
with me he is very sick with the fever
Hall came over to day and brought
my letter to me he said the regiment
was still under marching orders and
was liable to leave at any moment
I guess there is a general move onhand
they are moving all the sick and
wounded out of Alexandria and are
fetching them over here the general

hospital is inside the parliament
I think that is the reason they
moving them out of one place
and bringing them here I have
been very sick for some days
but am now better now and
I think I will be able to go to the
regiment in a few days this is a
nice clean place and the ladies
well cared for, I am so weak and
nervous that I can hardly write
you must excuse this short letter
and write often I must close
hoping this may find you all well
write soon good by
from your affectionate Husband & Brother
Alex Brady
James Brady

dear Friends the inclosed money my husband
made home to
Ellen

hospital is in Aide the parliament
I think that is the reason they are
moving them out of murfreesboro
and bringing them here I have
been very sick for seven days
but am some better now and
I think I will be able to go to the
regiment in a few days this is a
nice clean place and the ladies
well care for us I am so weak and
nervous that I cant hardly write
you must excuse this short letter
and write often I must close
hoping this may find you all well
write soon good bye
from your affectionate Husband & Brother
Neil Brady
James Brady

dear Hannah the inclosed money was lent me
while here

generlfield hospital No 6
ward D June 3 /63

Dear Campanion

yours of the 27th came to hand to day I was glad to hear that you was all well my health is not very good at present I am now at the generl field hospital I was brought here last evning our regiment was under marching orders and was ordered to send all the sick and convalesents a way John Alexander is here with me he is very sick with the fever Walt came over to day and brought my letter to me he said the regiment was still under marching orders and was liable to leave at any moment I guess their is a generl move on hand they ar moving all the sick and wounded out of Murfreesboro and ar fetching them over here the generl hospital is in side the fortifycations I think that is the reason they ar moving them out of murfreesboro and bringing them here I halve been very sick for severl days but am some better now and I think I will be able to go to the regiment in a few days this is a nice clean place and the sick is well caired for I am so weak and nervous that I cant hardly write you must excuse this short letter and write often I must close hoping this may find you all well write soon good bye

from your afection Husband

E Brady

Mat Brady
Loney Brady

dont through the invelop away unless you will have no letter

There is no envelope.

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] 1863

Mat my pupils [illegible]
[illegible] I brought a pillow
[illegible] feathers [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Little Hearts
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] little.
Hearts did [illegible] it [illegible]
[illegible] pillow [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] little [illegible]
[illegible] Dear [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

SIC SEMPER TYRANNIS

Civil War

[illegible] June 11th /63

[illegible]

[illegible] I thought a package of paper tied there day and this is a specimen of the funny little sheets they have cut up the [illegible] to make nice little sheets out of it they get their pictur [illegible] well I put Brigid on it but it sit this Small Meat you can burn as soon as you read it over I want to get home so bad but I am afraid it will be a long time for I can have the opportunity you must burn this lot no one see it write soon good by from your affectionate husband

[illegible]
[illegible]
Lower [illegible]

It is quite possible that Elias Brady's request for his wife to burn this letter is due to the State Seal of Virginia and his fear that because of it, he might be assumed that he was disloyal to the Union cause.

<u>ELIAS BRADY</u> * Age 35; Enlisted from Reinsville, Indiana August 10, 1862 as a musician in Company D, 58th Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry and was mustered in to serve 3 years September 4th. He died of scurvy on December 11, 1863 at Chattanooga, Tennessee where he is buried in the National Cemetery.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Sunday [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Sir — Three letters yesterday
[illegible] Albania
[illegible] your [illegible] [illegible] Annie a week
and looked for a letter every mail but was disappointed
a good many times. If I was to write you a letter
every day your would not get a letter one mail
the next was four [illegible] at Lakeside they are very
[illegible] I wrote letters Tuesday, yesterday and now

[illegible]

[illegible]

Camp near Murfreesboro
June 29th /63

Dear and afectionate Companion
I received your kind letter dated 21th a few minutes a go I was glad to hear you was well I am well hoping when this Silent message comes to hand it will find you injoying the same blessing when I wrote to you last we was expecting to go to the front but the order was countermanded we still remain in camp the report about our mail being stoped for 12 days was fals we get our mail regular all the time and will unless we should half to go to the front then I susapose we would not get mutch mail our men brought in 700 priseners last night about mid night they captured them at Shelbyville they had a big fight our men took pocession of the town our army is still advancing the last acount we had our left and right wings was prety near to Tallahoma(Tullahoma,Tenn.) the center of the army was some 10 or 12 ms from here we ar guarding these priseners close to our camp (we) will send them North this evning I guess I had a long talk with some of them some of them is very saucy others ar tired of the war one man told me that they would fight us as long as they could find a corn to eat I asked him what they would do when we drove them out of Tennasee he said we hadent drove them out yet I told him that we would drive them out befor this battle is over he was very saucy we had it prety rough for a while the guard came along and made me stand back if I had a daired I would a went for his meat house(?) it is a raining it has been raning prety mutch since the army first mad a forward move teems ar going to the front by the thousands taking suplies to the army all of our brigade teems went out this mourning 9 teems from our regt we sent out our usel number of pickets this mourning orders came a few minuts a go for more pickets our company is sending out 15 more men nearly all the co is out on picket they ar expecting a atact in the rear they ar going to duble the pickets Colonel Dick told us this mourning that he thought that we would stay here they war expecting the enimy to atack us in the rear he (t)hought we would halve all the fighting we whanted without going to the front it is hard to tell we halve so many difernt orders we may march to night and may not move at all we dont know mutch more about our moves than you do I received three letters yesterday one from Pap one from Ma one from Adaline I answered them last evning they started out this mourning you sayed that you had a mail twice a week and looked for a letter evry mail but was disapointed a good many times if I was to write you a letter evry day you wouldent get a letter evry male the male goes just when it pleases they ar very carlis I wrote you a letter day befor yesterday and one the day befor sent them with C B Thompson I think if you will notice the date of all my letters you will find that I write twice a week some

times three times a week so you must not blame me if you dont get a letter evry mail I love to get letters from you I expect you like to hear from me often that is the reason I write so often

Mat it is no use to grieve and fret it dont mend the mater but I would give all I expect to be worth if I could be at home injoying my self like I was a year a go their is but little time passes over but what I am thinking of you and loney Some of the boys injoy them selves here but I would rather be at home I could content my self better if they war(were) trying to end the war but it is a speculating scheme our leading men ar making money and they dont try to stop the war their is men enough in the North to crush this rebellion in a short time why dont they bring them out I understand that the rebels ar in vading pencilvany(Pennsylvania) I dont cimphathise(sympathize) one bit with them if they would burn evry thing in the state it would be a good thing if as large a state as pencilvany cant protect her self she aught to suffer mabe(maybe) this rade(raid) will open some of their eyes I think it will be a help to the union cauis it is easy to stay at home and talk but when it comes to acting they will find it not so easy I expect their is men in the North that hardly knows their is a war let them come to dixsey they will see different Mat I could sit here and write a week on things concerning the war and my opinion in regard to the way it is carried on but it does no good and I am sure it dont interest you so I will stop writing on that subject

health is good in camp and we get plenty to eat potatoes bread and meat we dont get many luxuries a Cherry pie wouldent go bad about this time of day uncle Sam has not come around with his greenback yet probly wont for severl months we made out our pay roles(rolls) prety near 2 months ago but all the good it don I recon(reckon) if we dont get it we wont spend it evry thing we buy we half to pay 40 prices for so a little money dont go far a big storm is a comming up I guess I halve scribled enough I halve wrote a big letter hant said mutch neither so I will bring it to a close I whant you to write often I would like to get a letter evry mail if I could but that is out of the question we get a daily mail here (If I) cant get a letter evry male I whant to get a letter evry third mail any way write soon good bye

from your ever afectionate Husband

E Brady

Mat Brady Loney Brady

write soon

PS I received a letter from you sometime ago it was dated 18th I received it 21st three days after it was rote it was maled at Lafayette this last letter was maled at (? *) dated 9 days ago now you can see how unregular the male comes

There is no envelope.

* W mo pint
(Williamsport)

[illegible] Wednesday
Nashville, Tn.
Monday Morn

[illegible]

Dear [illegible] I have not heard from you for a long time the last letter wrote by you was while you were in Louisville I sent you a draft I suppose it went through all right I believe William wrote in one of his letters that it had got through all right. we are still in camp at the above named place. how long we may remain here I am not able to say this is the best place to stop at we have been since we left that never to be forgotten place Camp Dennison and we are pleasantly situated. once in while rap it up right every thing appears in favor of the Union at present. I hope it may continue

Very respectfully, Marion [illegible]

Camp at Hammondville
August 6th 1863

Dear Companion

you see by the
date I have left Corinth
I was hit, glad to hear that
you was well my health
is good Hardly and
a few lines on this sheet we
have got mail - now to work
we thought we could hold out
on the same sheet Harris
is going out on picket this
morning and he is in a hurry
to write morning health is
good in camp always pleasant
hair short and this morning
going out rules what we have
got other shirt we
we get the best of fare
we are living off on the Southern
Confederacy & Yankees we live
the otherday was gone two days

they brought in a large flock
of sheep 25 or thirty head of
cattle we had a pretty decent
good breakfast I was very sorry to have
to leave Bardstown a man a brave
man he was I have received two
letters from my relations little Lizzie my
letter of 23rd they may see what
they please as there is none they can
find out enough every day we
see women and children coming
in the rebel lines giving them details
of our taking the march beyond
Gen Buell they are expecting battle
soon as their blockaded again
the Southern army some where in
the mountains hiding trying to
stem the current Perry is
going down to the picket line
to get some potatoes he is going
to take a bushel point up half
a pint of coffee he thinks he
may get a bushel of potatoes

the citizens are anxious to know
whether they are numbered in
price me hoping you are well.
my "Shall I" the mail can
in now late yesterday I got the
mail and the apples which I thinking
I gave Bill Stickman "Shall
letter through or see before Bill
is master and I never knew
will to be bounded it to Jonathan
to see who it was from and to tell
i was "Shall" letter and that his
girl have sent him your home
who his girl is Yours truly listened
and wrote as the letter your
first me get it taking out papers
newspapers in regard to thought it
was wrong to take a man's life
in that way I don't know
to believe me to be in real sense
but it is the time we have
to be responsible for the way
will take was gone upon I will
the smelling I would like to hear
to me the text in the morrow
I thank the man is nearly forgot
and I must thank you, have
write soon from your affectionate
Husband E Brady

write soon } Mat Brady

mimsville Tenessee
August 10th / 63
Monday Morn

John Gass

dear Pa

I have not heard from you for a long time the last letter wrote by you was while you were in Lafayette I sent you a draft I suppose it went through all right I believe William wrote in one of his letters that it had got through all O.K. We are still in camp at the above place how long we may remain here I am not able to say this is the best place to stop at we have been since we left that never to be forgotten place home. Send me a N.Y. tribune once in (a)while wrap it up tight everything appears in favor of the Feds at present, I hope it may continue

Very respectfully
Harris Gass

Camp at Memmnsville
August 10th / 63

Dear Companion

Yours of the 2nd came to hand last evning I was truly glad to hear tha(t) you was well my health is good Harris wrote Pop a few lines on this Sheat we hant got mutch news to write we thought we could both write on the same sheat Harris is going out on picket this mourning (and) wont be in untill to morrow mourning (The) health is good in camp alarge forage train starts out this mourning going out after wheat we halve quit eating sheetiron crackers we get the best of bread we ar living of on the Southern Confedercy a squad went out the other day was gon too(two) days they brought in a large flock of sheep 25 or thirty head of cattle we had fried corn for breakfast I was sory to hear of Jo Borders death amany a brave man has falen in this cruel war you say adaline did not like my letter of the 23d they may say what they please or think what they please I halve seen enough evry day we see women and children comming in to our lines giving them selves up and taking the oath beging for suport they ar suffering starving some of their Husbands ar in the Southern army some ar in the mountain hiding trying to shun the con Script Pery is going down to the picket lines to get some patatoes he is going to take a half pint of salt a pint of coffee he thinks he will get a bushel of potatoes the citazens ar anxious to buy salt an coffee they give us our own price we halve got a good joke on Walt the mail came in very late last evning I got the mail out (of) the office while distributing (it) I gave

Bill Hickman Walts letter through a mistake Bill is near cited couldent read it very well so he handed it to Tom Graves to see what it was from and behold it was Walts letter one that his girl had sent him you know who his girl is I guess they dident read mutch of the letter you sent me a piece taking out of a newspaper you seem to think it very rong to take a mans life in that way it does look hard to take a mans life in coal(cold) blood but it is the law and their has to be a exanple prably the rest will take warning you speak of the meetings I would like to be at home the best in the world I think the war is nearly played (out) and must(most?) thinks (so) any how write soon

from your afectionate Husband
E Brady
Mat Brady

write soon

There is no envelope. Harris Gass was the brother-in-law of Elias Brady.

HARRIS GASS * Age 22; Enlisted from Rainsville, Indiana as a Second Lieutenant in Company "D", Eighty-sixth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry August 10, 1862, and was mustered in for three years September 4th at Indianapolis. He was promoted to First Lieutenant on June 5, 1863 and was mustered out at Nashville, Tennessee on June 6, 1865.

ELIAS BRADY * Age 25; Enlisted from Rainsville, Indiana on August 10, 1862 as a Musician in Company "D", Eighty-sixth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry and was mustered in to serve three years September 4th at Indianapolis. He died at Chattanooga, Tennessee on December 11, 1863.

Chattanooga Sept 29th 1863

Dear Companion

take the opportunity to write
you a few lines to inform
you that I am well I write
to tell you a few days ago
in a battle the rebs was
to fall back to this place
we are fortifying they keep us
all running pretty
in a shelling they
they had taken the highest hills
around the town but we fought and
it is not so yet it is
hard to tell how it will
end but we are
all hope, the lines to-
day he talking to all the boys
that then to stand their ground
they tell us that if we remain
in this place we wonder
some as all home in
six months the date that
we was fighting the southern
confederacy here among I believe it

I am writing this by the
fire light the mail goes out
in the morning I can't write
much I ought to write paper
and lines but I can't my paper
and inkstand are on the other side
of the river you can let him
know that I mean to let you
see this I merely write to let you
know that I am well and remained
among the living Wall was not
in the fight — he was not very
well Perry is well and is gone to
the river after potter is gone to
is well the boys are generally
well Sarah Sam
hath as was dear Shaw
Wilson dear Richards and
don't know but missing
of them somewhat has become
in hand I will write again
from your [illegible]

Chattanooga Sept 24th /63

Dear Companion

I once more take the opertunity to write you a few lines to inform you that I am well I wrote to you a few days a go (and) told you that we had been in a battle the rebs was too mutch for us we had to fall back to this place we ar fortifying the rebs ar advancing our artilery is a shelling them now this has been the bigest battle that ever was faught and it is not over yet it is hard to tell how it will end old Rosecrans road(rode) all round the lines to day he talked to all the boys told them to stand their ground he told us that if we could hold this place he would send us all home in six months he said that we was fighting the Southern Confederacy here and I believe it

I am writing this by the fire light the mail goes out in the mourning I cant write mutch I aught to write Pap a few lines but I cant my paper and invelops ar on the other side of the river you can let him see this I mearly write to let you know that I am well and numbered among the living Wallt was not in the fight he was not very well Pery is well and is gon to the river after watter(water) Harris is well the boys ar generly well Jacob Lamb Don Shaw both ar wounded Richards and Willison ar both missing dont know what has bee come of them I will write again in a few days write soon

Dan

from your Husband

E Brady

The envelope is addressed "Mrs Martha H. Brady, Rainsville Warren Co, Indiana" and is franked with a 3 Cents United States stamp, Issue of 1861 and postmarked "Nashville Tenn - Oct 4".

Hospital 3rd Division 4th A.C.

Chattanooga Dec 28th/63

Dear Companion,

I write in answer to yours of the 24th which came to hand last evening I was truly glad to hear from you Lieut Turner brought my mail to me I received 3 letters one from you one from H. Hibbon and one from Pap I also received Paps photograph I think Pap looks older than when I left home he writes that his eyes are very sore I think he exposes himself more than he should Perry was here yesterday he tells me the rest of the boys are well the rebs still occupy Lookout mountain I hear this morning that we have got

7..64 pound guns and 2 100 pound
guns down at the river their
was a detail went to help
get them across the river
I think the reb will half
to skedaddle when they get
them planted
this is Sunday it has been
a lonesome day to me the
wind is blowing very hard
we generly have preaching
every Sunday but the preacher
has not been found yet
a preacher stopped in yesterday
evening sung a hymn and
made a short prayer it is
after 4 o clock almost supper time
I suppose you all went to
Cherry point to meeting and
had a good time I always
think of you on Sunday
wondering what you are doing

and wondering who is at
Papas for dinner
I see in the papers that
old Abe is calling for more
men, think it best to offer
a large bounty in order to
get them to volunteer
the Rebels go to drafting and
that immediately we need
more men and have waited
long enough if we could have had
more men at the late battle
Chickamauga we could have defeated
the rebs and drive them out of
georgia in place we have to fall
back to Chattanooga and are
holding it by the hardest
this army will not be able
to advance this winter on
account of supplies I think I think
some time or go that this
war was nearly over but

the prospect looks more
gloomy now for management
some mistake but I am no General
or President not capable of advising
so I will spare my opinion on that subject —
it is a getting late I will
hold to bring my scribbling to a
close I hear very commonly
some one is getting hurt
your wounded to from which letter
I red first when I received your
letter this was obtained in
one month I let it stand
some time the mail from then
red your letter first — if I remain
your faithful write as always tell
when I get a letter from you with
out looking at the name
I know I write after good bye
from your affectionate Husband

E. B. Brady

Nat

Sower

Hospital 3th Division 4th A.C.
Chattanooga Tenn Nov 8th/63

Dear Companion

I write in answer to yours of the 29th which came to hand last evning I was truily glad to hear from you Lieut Deturk braught my mail to me I received 3 letters one from you one from H Hixson and one from Pap I also received Paps photograph I think Pap looks older than when I left home he writes that his eyes ar sore I think he exposes him self more than he should Pery was here yesterday he tells me the rest of the boys ar well the rebs still ocupy lookout mountain I hear this mourning that we halve got 7 - 64 pound guns and 2 - 100 pound guns down at the river their was a detail went to help get them a cross the river I think the rebs will half to skedaddle when they get them planted

this is Sunday it has been a lonesom day to me the wind is blowing very hard we generly halve preaching evry Sunday but the preacher has not been round yet a preacher stoped in yesterday evning sung a him and made a short prayer it is after 4 oclock almost supper time I expect you all went to Chery point to meeting and had a good time I always think of you on Sunday wondering what you ar doing and wondering who is at Paps for dinner

I see in the papers that old Abe is calling for more men (he) thinks it best to offer a large bounty in order to get them to volunteer he should go to drafting and that amediatly we nead more men and halve wated(waited) long enough if we could a had more men at the late battle (of) Chickmaugh we could a defeated the rebs and drive them out of georga in place we had to fall back to Chattanooga and ar holding it by the hardest this army will not be able to advance this winter on acount of suplies I did think some time a go that this war was nearly over but the prospect looks more gloomy now poor management some whare but I am no General or Presedent not capable of advising so I will quit on that subject it is a getting late I will half to bring my Scribling to a Close I hear hevy Cannonading some one is getting hurt you whanted to know which letter I red first when I received yours ~~Somon thei~~ Samantha and Adalines letters in one invelop I looket at them found who they war(were) from then red your letter first I know your hand write(writing) (and) can always tell when I get a letter from you with out looking at the name pleas write often good bye

from your afectionate Husband
E. Brady

Mat
Loney

There is no envelope.

Hospital 9th Div. 4th A.C.
Chattanooga Tenn Nov 25

Dear Companion

Once more write to inform you how we are getting along Tom well with the exception of a bad cold there is a bloody battle in progress at this time the fight commenced last Monday I have not seen any of our reg't since Sunday our div charged the rebel works a Monday morning quite a number of of wounded came in but non from our Brigade General Hooker drove the rebs from off Lookout mountain yesterday took quite a number of prisoners

I stood on the porch
of the upper story of our Hospital
and saw the fight it was
a grand sight our men
made 21 charges on the
rebels works I hear this evening
that our men claim the
missionary ridge to day
our colors are ~~flaunting~~ waving
over the enemys strong works
our Division charged up
the hill late this evening
I am anxious to hear from
the Boys wounded men
are coming in all the time
we have taken in some
40 or 50 in this Hospital
most of them are sent to
the Post hospital the
streets are full of prisoners

and still they come
all the news we get is
favorable on our side
General Sherman crossed the
river last night 6 miles
above here we hear his army
a fighting to day on the left
one continuel roar of musketry
our army has been successful
every day yet I am afraid
the scale will turn before
they get through a good begining
makes a bad ending
a wounded Major came in
this evening he tells that
the rebs was falling back
when he was wounded he
says that our men are falling
them up he thinks the rebel
army is completly demoralized

the prisoners going home more
I cannot give you the particulars
now but I will bring my
scribbling to a close
I received a letter from
you day before yesterday you
say that you are getting
Lamers photograph taken
and are going to send it
in your next letter
it will be several days
before I will get it for I expect
it will be some time before
I will see the regiment
write after part of this letter
to hear from you good Bye

E Brady
Mat. Lamey

Hospital 9th Div. 4 A.C.
Chattanooga Tenn Nov 25

Dear Companion

I once more write to inform you how we ar getting a long I am well with the exception of a bad cold their is a bloody Batle in progress at this time the fight commens last Monday I halve not seen any of our regt since Sunday our Div charged the rebel works a(on) Monday mourning quite a number of wounded came in but non from our Brigade General Hooker drove the rebs from off lookout mountain yesterday (and) took quite a number of priseners I stood on the poarch of the uper story of our Hospital and saw the fight it was a grand sight our men made 21 charges on the rebels works I hear this evning that our men clum the missionary ridge today our collars(colors) ar waving over the enimys(enemmies) strong works our Division charged up the hill late this evning I am anxious to hear from the Boys wounded men ar comming in all the time we halve taken in some 40 or 50 in the Hospital most of them ar sent to the Post hosputal the streets ar full of priseners and still they come all the news we get is favorable on our side General Sherman crossed the river last night 6 miles above here we hear his army fighting to day on the left one continuel roar of musketry our army has been sucessful evry day yet I am afraid the scale will turn befor they get throug(h) a good begining makes a bad ending

a wounded Major came in this evning he tells that the rebs war(were) pulling back when he was wounded he sais that our men ar following them up he thinks the rebel army is completly demoralized 500 priseners (are) going buy now I cannot give you the perticulars now so I will bring my Scribling to a close I received a letter from you day befor yesterday you say that you ar gettings Loneys photograph taken and ar going to send it in your next letter it will be severl days befor I will get it for I expect it will be some time before I will see the regiment write often for I do like to hear from you good Bye

E Brady
Mat, Loney

The envelope is addressed "Mrs Martha H. Brady, Rainsville, Warren Co, Ind." and is franked with a 3 Cents United States stamp, Issue of 1861 and is cancelled with a canceller and postmarked "Nashville Tenn - Nov 30(?)"(1863).

This letter, dated November 25, 1863, is the last of the Elias Brady letters. Elias Brady, Musician, Company "D", 86th Regiment, ~~Iowa~~ Indiana Volunteer Infantry died on December 11th, some 2½ weeks after writing this letter.

[illegible] Farm

Dec 1st 1863

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Chattanooga Tenn
Dec 3d 1863

John Gass

Dear Pa

I have no news to write that amounts to anything I have been writing every day to some of you for several days I new that Martha would be anxious to hear from Elias it being the only way she can here is from what I write he not being able to write I will tell you first how he is and what the matter is. you can tell Martha I will not tell her you no what is best. Elias has the Small Pox (and) is very bad and is moved across the river to a regular Small Pox Hospital he was to sick to be moved, but it had to be did, as one with that disease is not allowed in a Hospital where Wounded and other diseases are. there are several cases of the Small Pox here. I do not no whether I will take it or not I was with Elias when he had a high fever

When any of you write to him you had better direct the letters to me, and I will try and send them to him they do not allow any person to go see them, they do not want the disease to spread I hope Elias will get along all right.

for the present I will Close
from your Son
H J Gass

There is no envelope.

Cassville Ga May 22nd 1864

Mrs M. K. Brady.

Dear Sister

I have not received a letter from you for a long while, why is that the cars are running long before this that the road is to fast this rebellion down this summer by August. We have been being

ahead since the last 15 days march. The army has been resting here for 3 days. we start again in the morning with 20 days rations. to do 36 days besides five days we carry which makes 41. in that time with the army we have here we expect to clean out the damnd Confederacy at the cost of a good many of our lives. but fighting is all that will put down this rebellion and we that are in the field at present will have it to do. my health is good. my friends yesterday was glad to get them. the weather is very warm I saw Lieut Beach yesterday he is well. also saw William Northrup he was slightly wounded at Resaca. — no more this time Yours Brother Isaac

J. L. Gaston 1862

Head Quarters Military Commander,

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec 11th 1863

Sir:

You will acknowledge the receipt of this notice, of the following discharge from your Company, made at this Post, upon Surgeon's Certificate of disability:

Private John Schoolcraft, 24th Nov. 1863. for ~~Gen. Hd. Quarters~~
of left foot at Stone River

Respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.
J. S. Simonson
Col. W.S.A.
Military Comdr

expense this paper is to be
borne by Pension Bureau giving
Lt. No. Thirlkill
Harris

To the Officer Commanding Co. C
86th Reg't Ind. Vols.

Cassville Ga May 22nd 1864

Mrs M. K Brady.

Dear Sister

I have recd no letter from you for a long while. why is that the case. -- you are aware long before this that the word is to put this rebellion down this summer by fighting this Corps has been doing its share the last 15 days surely. the army has been resting here for 3 days, we start again in the morning with 20 days rations to do 36 days besides five days we carry which makes 41, in that time with the army we have here we Expect to clean out the Southern Confedrsey at the cost of a great many of our lives, but fighting is all that will put down this rebellion, and we that are in the field at present will have it to do. my health is (good). I recd my shirts yesterday (and) was glad to get them the weather is very warm I saw Lieut. Beach yesterday, he is well, also saw William Nordrift he was slightly wounded at rasacke(Resaca?). -no more this time

Your Brother
H Gass
Liut. Co D 86 Rgt

The letter is written on the reverse side of an Order directing the discharge of Private John Schoolcraft due to wound of left foot received at Stone River and signed by J.S.Simonson, Col. U.S.A. Military Comdr. Written at the bottom of the order is

"Excuse this paper it is very scarce here give my love to Mother

Harris"

There is no envelope.

HARRIS GASS * Age 22; Enlisted from Rainsville, Indiana August 10, 1862 as a Second Lieutenant in Company "D", Eighty-sixth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry and was mustered in for 3 years service at Indianapolis September 4th. He was promoted to First Lieutenant on June 5, 1863 and was mustered out at Nashville, Tennessee on June 6, 1865.
The Eighty-sixth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry was organized at Lafayette, Indiana and mustered in September 4, 1862. It was attached to the Fourteenth Brigade, Fifth Division, Second Corps, Army of the Ohio until November, 1862 when it was attached to the Second Brigade, Third Division, Left Wing, Fourteenth Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland. In January, 1863 the regiment was assigned to the Second Brigade, Third Division, Twenty-first Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland. It was later attached to the Third Brigade, Third Division, Fourth Army Corps, Army of the Cumber-

land. The regiment was mustered out at Nashville, Tennessee June 6, 1865. The regiment partook in the Battles of Perryville, Stone's River, Chickamauga, Resaca, the Siege of Atlanta, Battles of Jonesboro, Franklin, and Nashville, Tennessee. The regiment lost during service 2 Officers and 70 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 1 Officer and 176 Enlisted men by disease, a total of 249 men.

VOUCHER NO. 198

Paid December 31st 1862

Francis Marion Tocen

Private Co. G 86th Ind. Vols.

From 14th of September 1862

To 30th of December 1862

Amount Paid, $39.85

Pillmore

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CERTIFICATE to be Given to Discharged Volunteers to Enable them to Draw their Pay.

This is to Certify, That Francis M. Tison a Private in Company C. Captain Bell of the 46th Regiment of Indiana Foot Vols aged 20 years, 5 feet 10 inches high, light complexion, blue eyes, light hair, by occupation a Farmer; volunteered at Camden Co Ind on the 14th day of August, 1862; has been regularly mustered into the United States service, to serve three years, unless sooner discharged.

He is now entitled to an honorable discharge by reason of Surgeons Certificate of Disability. He was last paid by Major ....., to include the 14th day of September 1862. His clothing account has* been settled to the ..... day of ..... 186 . He has *since* drawn clothing in kind, amounting to $28.47. He has furnished his ~~own horse and horse equipments, having been mounted for the time, and is entitled to 40 cents per day for the use and risk thereof;~~ he is indebted to ....., Sutlers, $....., and to the United States for damage to arms and equipments $.....; for Court Martial fines $.....; and for transportation furnished when on sick or discharge furlough $..... Subsistence has been furnished him to include the ..... day of ..... 186 .

Given in duplicate the 20th day of November 1862, at Louisville in Jefferson County, State of, Kentucky this being the place and date of his discharge.

M. Leonard
Col 3rd Ky Infy
Commanding Company ~~Post~~

* When no settlement of clothing has been made by Paymaster, insert the word *never* in space marked * and strike out the word *since* at beginning of next line.

[This Account will not be Paid unless made up by the Paymaster.]

UNITED STATES,

In account with Francis M. Tison Dr.

For pay 3 months 16 days 13 Dollars per month	$ 45	03
" " Clothing allowance 4 months 16 days, @ $3 50 per month	15	86
" " Extra duty in Hospital as ..... at 25 cents per day		
" " Use and risk of horse and equipments ..... days, 40 cents per day		
" " Traveling from place of discharge to place of enlistment, 150 miles, equal to 7 days, @ 13 Dollars per month	3	03
For subsistence while travelling as above 7 days, @ 50 cents per day	3	50
Amount	68	32
Deduct for clothing drawn ~~since last settlement~~ $	28	47
For other stoppages, as above		
Balance paid	39	85

Claim for Bounty disallowed in Certificate No. 124,156 May 10, 1890.

Received this 31 day of Dec 1862, of Maj. Wilkinson U. S. Paymaster, Thirty nine Dollars, eighty five Cents, in full payment of above account.

Witness, Signed in duplicate,

Francis Marion Tison

THESE PAPERS MUST NOT BE SEPARATED EXCEPT BY THE PAYMASTER.